(b) According to the State Govt. of Assam, all the genuine persons have come back and no more list of such evacuees is pending with them. However, according to the State Govt. of West Bengal, about 2261 persons out of these who came to West Bengal from Assam in the wake of 1983 disturbances are still to be repatriated and the particulars of these remaining evacuees have been furnished to the Assam Government.

It has been suggested that a joint team consisting of senior officers of both the State Governments may be constituted to go into this matter in order to arrange expeditious repatriation of remaining evacuees to Assam and their re-settlement at their original place.

Production of Viscose Staple Fibre

1051. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether M|s. Modi had applied for licence to produce Viscose Stample Fibre (VSF) with foreign partnership;

(b) if so, whether the Company has invited tenders from any foreign company;

(c) whether M|s. Modi Mills had also floated global tenders for the import of a plant;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Project Approval Board (PAB) has taken note of this; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) M|s. Modi Spinning and Weaving Mills Co. Ltd. were issued a Letter of Intent—LI 418(83) dated 18-6-1983, for setting up a new undertaking with annual capacity of 30,000 tonnes for manufacture of polynosic|HWM fibres. In April 1985, M|s. Modi Fibres Ltd. filed a composite application for enhancement of capacity, for technical and financial collaboration and for import of capital goods. Government have not taken a final decision regarding this composite application.

(b) to (f) The details of pending proposals are not divulged till the Government have taken final decisions thereon.

Provident Fund Arrears of Textile Mills

1052. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several textile mills, both sick and running are in arrears of their provident fund contribution to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof particularly relating to the textile mills in Bombay;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently on June 28, a textile Magnate was arrested by Bombay Police for not paying provident fund amount in respect of several hundred textile workers; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information a sum of Rs. 26.25 crores was outstanding from defaulting textile mills covered under the provisions of the Employees Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 in the unexempted Sector as on 31-12-1986. Out of this amount a sum of Rs. 3.95 crores was due from the defaulting textile mills in Maharashtra Region alone.

(c) and (d) Shri Madhusudan Karnani, Director of M|s. Bradbury Mills Ltd., Bombay was arrested on complaints filed